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SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

Southern Command personnel handled 1,081 crashes as compared to 1,315 crashes in June 2007. The total crashes decreased by 17.8% compared to last year. This reduction in crashes can be attributed to roadway improvements, multi-agency traffic enforcement initiatives on the highway, extensive public education efforts and the significant increases in fuel costs. When compared to last year, fatalities increased by 133%, this equates to 4 more fatal crashes in June 2008. The Southern Command preliminary documentation identified a 38.5 % decrease in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes as compared to last June. Of the 40 commercial vehicle crashes investigated this month, 7 resulted in injuries, 1 fatality and the remaining 32 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 3.7% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command. Impaired drivers were responsible for 5.1% of all crashes in the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services Section of the Southern Command processed 1,144 crash reports in June. This resulted in 5,789 crash reports being mailed out, 7.6% less than last June. There were 946 visitors, requesting police services, at the Front Office which was an increase of 35.7% when compared to June 2007.

The Southern Command Communication Center logged 23,792 CAD incidents and 34,917 telephone calls. The CAD incidents can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command had a decrease in the overall traffic enforcement by 13% in June 2008, as compared to June 2007. DUI arrests from crashes were down 17.9% as compared to last year. DUI arrests prior to crashes also decreased by 8.2% as compared to last year. Total arrests were down 25%.

The Commercial Enforcement Section decreased its Hazardous moving violation citations by 19% and its other citations by 37.1% as compared to last June. The number of Safety Inspections decreased by 8.6% compared to last year. This resulted in 113 vehicles and 58 drivers being placed "Out of Service".

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	June-08		June-07	% Change		May-08	% Change
Total crashes	1081		1315	-17.8%		1179	-8.3%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	786		986	-20.3%		862	-8.8%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	288		326	-11.7%		311	-7.4%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	7		3	133.3%		6	16.7%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	55		67	-17.9%		54	1.9%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	7		3	133.3%		6	16.7%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2		1	100.0%		4	-50.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	3		1	200.0%		1	200.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	2		1	100.0%		1	100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	40		65	-38.5%		50	-20.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	32		51	-37.3%		43	-25.6%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	7		13	-46.2%		7	0.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1		1	0.0%		0	100.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes .6 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.1%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 40.0%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 3.7%
- ✱ Total crashes down 17.8 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 38.5% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes up 133.3 % as compared to last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	June-08		June-07	% Change		May-08	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	55		67	-17.9%		54	1.9%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	134		146	-8.2%		182	-26.4%
Other arrests	902		990	-8.9%		964	-6.4%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	354		472	-25.0%		427	-17.1%
Speed violations	3283		3665	-10.4%		4360	-24.7%
Hazardous moving violations	1889		2171	-13.0%		2115	-10.7%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	444		550	-19.3%		807	-45.0%
Total violations [above violations included]	9321		10749	-13.3%		11660	-20.1%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	63		78	-19.2%		126	-50.0%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	176		280	-37.1%		277	-36.5%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	840		919	-8.6%		731	14.9%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	20		4	400.0%		5	300.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	397		382	3.9%		234	69.7%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1488		1981	-24.9%		1035	43.8%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	113		118	-4.2%		72	56.9%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	58		55	5.5%		39	48.7%
Total school buses inspected	227		56	305.4%		291	-22.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	37		9	311.1%		47	-21.3%
Total trucks weighed	1912		54	3440.7%		1590	20.3%
Total overweight citations	31		32	-3.1%		32	-3.1%
Total dyed fuel inspections	670		923	-27.4%		512	30.9%
Total dyed fuel citations	2		1	100.0%		0	200.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections			12		6
Safety Violations Citation			7		
Safety Violations Repair Order			9		7
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"			1		
Dyed Fuel Inspections			8		
Dyed Fuel Citations					

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.16%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 32 years old.
- ✱ .5% of the DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 2% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	June 2008		June 2007	% Change		May 2008	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	321,542		525,203	-38.8%		341,717	-5.9%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	1,516,691		1,273,250	19.1%		1,650,784	-8.1%
CAD Incidents	23792		26283	-9.5%		24,864	-4.3%
Telephone Calls	34917		36414	-4.1%		36,119	-3.3%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	95		25	280.0%		48	97.9%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	1,144		1,629	-29.8%		1,362	-16.0%
Arrest Reports Processed	316		307	2.9%		390	-19.0%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	18		42	-57.1%		46	-60.9%
Vehicle Impound Releases	103		101	2.0%		129	-20.2%
Visitors at Counter	946		697	35.7%		905	4.5%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	5,789		6,267	-7.6%		6,405	-9.6%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	432		1075	-59.8%		899	-51.9%
Warrants Entered	105		347	-69.7%		517	-79.7%
Warrants Cleared	490		468	4.7%		576	-14.9%
Warrants Validated	2082		606	243.6%		1419	46.7%
Extradition / Transports	20		13	53.8%		19	5.3%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	44		73	-39.7%		66	-33.3%
New Items Submitted	106		151	-29.8%		158	-32.9%
Items Disposed	6		15	-60.0%		80	-92.5%

EVIDENCE

- ★ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 84.1% of case submissions.
- ★ Parole and Probation responsible for 9.1 % of case submissions.
- ★ Division of Investigation responsible for 2.3 % of case submissions.
- ★ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ★ Attorney General's Office is responsible for 0 % of case submissions.

CONTRACT SERVICES

- 15 Contracts using 491.95 hours, billed in the amount of \$32,125.68

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
986	9	112	25	8

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
541	349	63	96	78	18

Community service appearances: (9)

- Batterman E.S., Cadwallader E.S., Bishop Gorman H.S., Durango H.S., Coronado H.S., -
- DPS Academy., Del Sol H.S.,

Additional Appearances and Meetings: (22)

- Southern Nevada Traffic Advisory Task Force
- IR 15 Coordinating meeting with NDOT, Cal-Trans, and CHP
- Heroes Night at Las Vegas Motor Speedway
- Nellis Air Force Base – First Term Airman's Course
- Guest presenter for Sunset Rotary
- Clark County Public Relations Specialists luncheon
- IR 15 Design Build project meetings
- NHTSA teen seat belt video conference
- Joining Forces forum with representatives from Utah and Wyoming
- Safety Fair at WalMart (Lake Mead/Boulder Hwy)
- Safety Fair at Sam's Club (Craig/Losee)
- Joining Forces Pedestrian Enforcement event
- Guest Speaker at Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) Graduation
- On-going discussions for OTS & STOP DUI // campaign with Al Unser Jr.
- Tape a series of Public Service Announcements with CBS Radio – For Joining Forces
- Driver's Edge – distribution of OTS funded DVD
- Committee work on Nevada Strategic Highway Safety Plan
- DPS Southern Academy Instructor for Media Relations
- *EMMY Award Presentation at Fox 5